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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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Dallas County Commission signs

Dear

My Office received your petition under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding a possible violation of Alabama law by the Dallas County Commission. There are two separate allegations in your complaint.

First, you alleged that the Selma & Dallas County Chamber of Commerce posted signs prohibiting open carry of firearms without legal justification. My Office's investigation confirmed that the Dallas County Commission posted the signs at the Selma & Dallas County Chamber of Commerce. I asked the Commission to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. The Commission reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and removed the signs posted at the Selma & Dallas County Chamber of Commerce. Because the Dallas County Commission is compliant with Alabama law, I have determined that there is no further action required under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

Second, your complaint objects to the "legality of the language written on the signs themselves." In particular, you contend that the signs wrongfully "impl[y] that a firearms charge would be sanctioned by the Sheriff" because the signs say they were "provided by Sheriff Harris Huffman." With respect to this portion of your complaint, I have also determined that there is no further action required under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3. Because these signs have been removed, this complaint is moot. Moreover, a sheriff's discretionary decision to provide signs to his constituents is not an "order, ordinance, or rule" that is subject to a complaint under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(1).

A redacted copy of this letter will be posted to my Office's website, in compliance with the statutory requirement under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

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Sincerely,

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